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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/575,199
Filing Date	May 18, 2000
First Named Inventor	Rodney A. JUE
Group Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	L. Spector
Attorney Docket No.	219002031120

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (6 pages)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Return Receipt Postcard

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/13/2003 MBIZUNES 00000109 031952 09575199
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

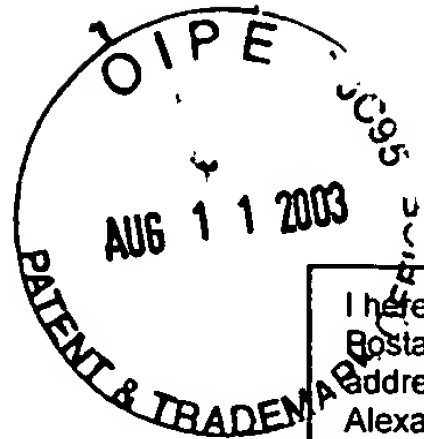
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: